

Making a Monkey of the Law.

The verdict in the Farnum case, in the language of the lamented Gonzales, is enough to make angels weep and mortals swear.

There was no doubt as to Farnum's guilt. The strongest case the state had, so it is said, was the one against Farnum, and his acquittal not only makes a monkey of the law, but it seriously handicaps the state in the prosecution of the other alleged grafters.

The Herald has no desire to see an innocent man convicted. It were better that a hundred guilty men were set at liberty than an innocent one were convicted, but according to the stenographic reports of the trial, if Farnum was not guilty of bribery the statutes of the state are not worth the paper they are printed on.

The verdict is an outrage on justice, but at the same time it emphasizes the importance of jury reform in this state, and may ultimately prove to be a blessing in disguise.

The Herald does not pretend to say that the panel was packed, but there is every evidence that something was wrong. Then again, the jury commissioners of a county are more important than the court itself, and it is risking too much to confer upon three men the power to select indiscriminately a body men who are to pass upon the guilt or innocence of other men.

There may a wholesome lesson in Farnum's acquittal, after all.

Defending Corn.

There is no doubt but that the pallygra scare has depreciated the value of corn as a foodstuff. There is no telling where the indictment against corn meal as the cause of pallygra came from. The manufacturers of flour might have been responsible, but anyway it got into the public prints somehow or somewhere that mouldy corn meal is responsible for the pallygra epidemic now spreading over the country. The disease is baffling science. The scientific world attributes the disease to this, that or the other cause. It may be an old disease with a new name. Appendicitis was known as cramp colic for several thousand years, until the appendix was discovered. Commenting on the assertion that corn meal causes the disease the Columbia Record says:

In several quarters of late editorial writers, having hastily read and but half digested the various recent papers by medical men upon the causation of pallygra, have rushed into print with wrathful repudiations of a conclusion they deem the scientific world to have reached—namely, that this mysterious and dreadful disease is solely due to damaged corn or corn products.

Science does not so easily nor quickly reach its conclusions. Corn it is true, is still under suspicion, and those pallygra students who favor the maize theory adhere tenaciously to their opinion; but investigators quite as eminent as they hold the malady to be of the leprous group, a microbic disease, which altered corn may sometimes aggravate, but can by no means cause. And meanwhile both factions, as well as the rest of the scientific world, are of open mind, ready to accept whatever explanation time shall show to be true. That is the student's attitude. The question is open still.

Nevertheless, corn is just now somewhat lowered in popular estimation and it is to be hoped that its good name will soon be cleared. Corn has been one of the cheapest and most important of the great

food stuffs; also, until this pallygra scare arose, it was considered one of the healthiest.

A South Carolina jury is as uncertain as the cotton market.

Dr. Cook's picture of the north pole bears some resemblance to a Little Rock cotton field.

The tales of wealth from the cotton fields these days rival those from the Klondyke several years ago.

The Sunday News and Courier asks "Do we know how to cook?" The most of us do after cotton picking season.

If Charleston succeeds in running the tigers out the illicit dealers in other towns might as well surrender without firing a gun.

Dr. Cook says persons seeking the pole must eschew strong drink, which it is equivalent to saying that it will never be over-run with the Kentuckians.

The News and Courier compares Gov. Johnson's estate of \$18,000 with Harriman's \$100,000, 000 and asks "which would you rather be, now that it's all over?" Neither.

Held for Larceny of Cow.

Simp Prevatt, a young white man, was given a preliminary hearing in Judge Forc's Court Saturday on the charge of having stolen a cow from Mr. Jno. C. Miller a farmer of the Gaddy's Mill section. Prevatt entered a plea of not guilty, but the evidence against him seemed to be pretty conclusive and the Judge sent the case up to the higher court. Prevatt is a farm hand and has worked for various people in the Gaddy's Mill section. He took the cow from a pasture and was one his way to Ohio when he was overtaken with the property near Little Rock. Prevatt is not a very intelligent fellow and does not seem to realize the gravity of the offence with which he is charged.

Maple Dots.

J. A. and C. H. Dove spent a few days last week in the old north state.

The ladies of the Pleasant Grove Sunday School organized a Philanthia class last Sunday evening. Miss Jennie Collins was elected president.

Mr. J. H. Surles spent a few days last week with his uncle at Barnesville, N. C.

Mr. Ed Rancke of Lumberton is visiting his sister, Mrs. F. M. Lane.

The Baraca class of the Pleasant Grove Sunday School will entertain a number of ladies at an ice cream supper at the home of Mr. D. H. Hyatt next Saturday night. SIMON.

Your attention is called to the change in the advertisements in this issue and also to the new ones. The merchants of our city appreciate your trade and take this means of telling you of any bargains they may have to offer and also to announce the arrival of new goods which are placed at your disposal and inspection. By closely watching the columns of this paper you will learn the names of our business men who invite you to deal with them and you can rest assured that they will treat you right. A merchant who does not care enough for your trade to ask you to visit his store and who does not inform you of the many bargains he may have to offer is hardly worth your patronage. The progressive merchant will always let his customers know of the arrival of new goods at once, and the way for our merchants to do this is through the columns of this paper which goes into almost every home in the county.

The Dillon Herald \$1.50 a year.

Maple Dots.

F. C. Dove, of Rockfish, N. C. spent last week in this section.

A. M. Smith of Orrum N. C., was in this section a few days last week.

E. W. Surles visited at Abbottsburg, N. C., last week.

Mrs. Tempie Powers who has been spending sometime with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Lee, returned to her home at Abbottsville, N. C., Sunday.

K. Jackson who has been visiting in the old North state returned home last week.

Miss Lena Turbeville of the Campbell's Bridge section visited in this section Sunday.

Miss Margeret Dove who has been visiting at Rockfish, N. C., returned home last week.

Joe Turbeville of the Campbells Bridge section was in this section Sunday. SIMON.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hugh Stackhouse announce the marriage of their niece, Sallie Willis Highfill, to E. Roland Roberts, Wednesday evening, Oct. 6th., 1909, at 5 o'clock, Mt. Andrew M. E. Church.

Dr. A. G. Buckner has returned from Charlotte where he visited his daughter who is attending college.

SPECIAL COLUMN.

Farm Land for Sale.

I will sell for cash, or on easy terms, some of the best farming lands in upper Marion county.

One farm of 700 acres with good residences and necessary out buildings, on the Cashua public road leading West from Little Rock.

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Fayetteville Steam Laundry Guarantees to do your work satisfactory. Give us a trial. Geo. Brunson, Agt.

The American Tobacco Co., and Imperial Tobacco Co., will call off their buyers after Oct. 7th, those who have tobacco to sell will do well to bring it in before that date. Watkins & Moore.

FOR SALE—Four vacant lots best residence location in Dillon. Apply to Herald Office.

FOR RENT—Shop formerly occupied by Joe McDonald. Apply to J. H. McLaurin's Drug Store.

Fresh line Lenox Chocolates always to be found at McLaurin's Drug Store.

If you have Prescriptions to fill and want pure Drugs go to McLaurin's Drug Store.

See the Malleable Range from Oct. 4th to 9th. Mr. Modcett will be glad to see you. Dillon Hardware Co.

Stolen.

A "Dexter" bicycle. Blue painted frame, puncture proof tires. Thief is supposed to have gone in the direction of Latta. Reward for return to W. B. Sears, Dillon.

FOR SALE.—40 acres good farm land, one mile from Dillon, on Little Rock road. Apply to J. W. King, or W. A. Blizzard at Dillon Hdwe Co's. 4t.

FOR SALE.—Place containing 8 acres, one mile from Passenger Station. Good land for trucking or cotton. S. T. Rogers, Dillon. 4t.

Mr. C. C. Modcett, with the Malleable Range Co., of South Bend, Ind., will be with us again next week from October 4th to 9th. Our sales on ranges were so great till he is going to give us another week. He will be at our store with hot coffee and will be glad to show you the finest ranges made. Everybody invited. Dillon Hardware Co.

WANTED—A detective with good references. Apply to N. E. Stafford.

FOR SALE.—350 acres of land, 200 acres under good state of cultivation; 7 room dwelling, Healthful, 2 miles from Kingstree, Williamsburg County, Good water. Terms easy. Will be sold within 30 days.

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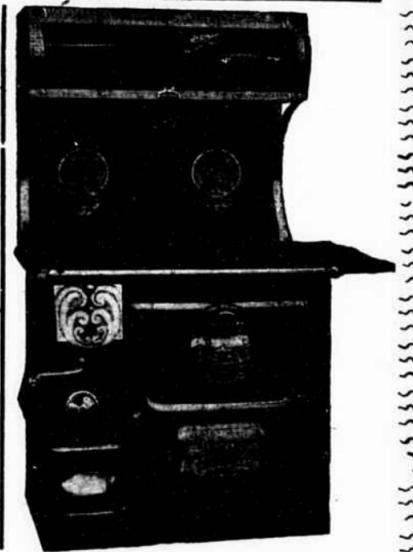
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